



What is it – Wordle is a tool that allows user to create word clouds from a source of words. The software automatically removes common English words (is, the, and, it..) and presents the words in colorful cloud formations. The more that a word appears in a source, the larger the word is in the cloud.

How to use –

- a. Great for showcasing word usage in a speech, poem, story, text, etc.
- b. Great for students to copy and paste words from their own paper to see what words they use most.
- c. Great for creating personality clouds of your students
- d. More ideas – [Wordle in the Classroom](#)

Directions for use –

- 1.) Visit <http://www.wordle.net>
- 2.) Click on the “Create Your Own” Link. No sign up is necessary.
- 3.) You will then see a few different boxes for pasting text, a URL, or a Delicious account. For the purpose of the tutorial I will be focusing on the pasting of text and URL.



Paste in a bunch of text:

Go

OR

Enter the URL of any blog, blog feed, or any other web page that has an Atom or RSS feed.

Submit

OR

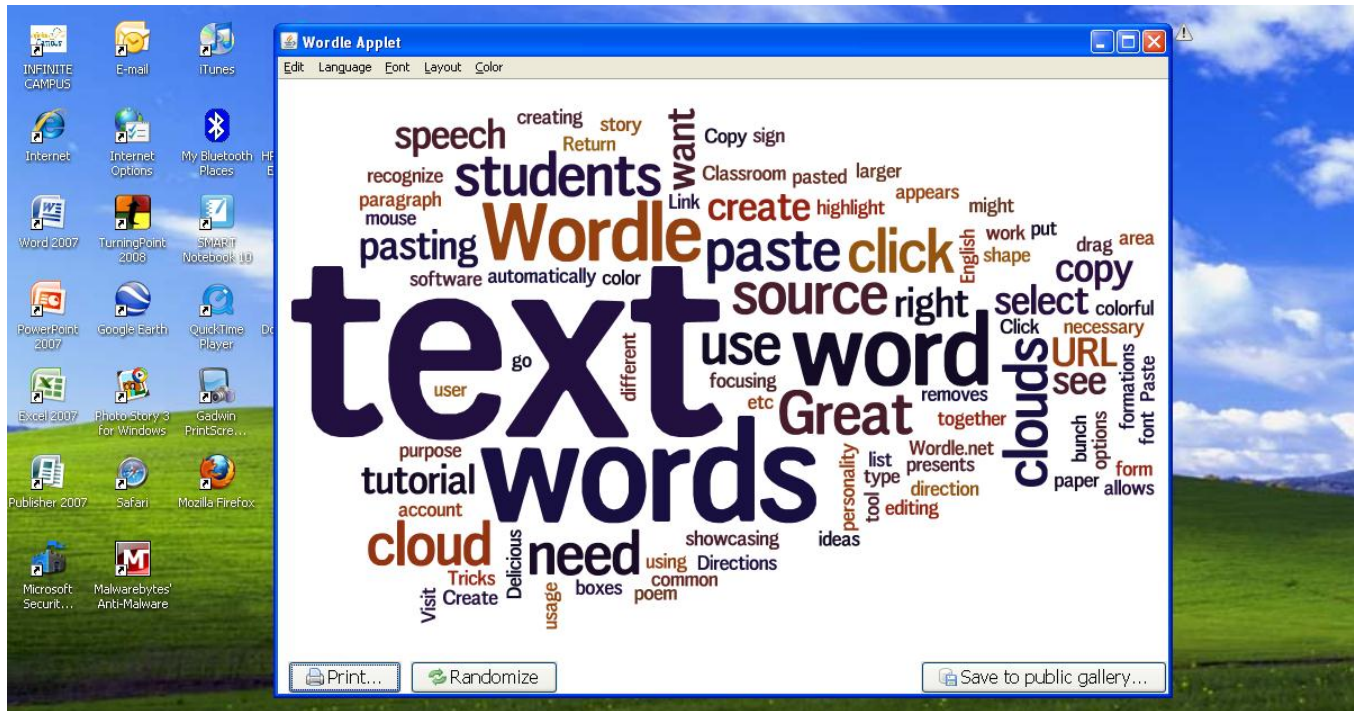
Enter a delicious.us user name to see their tags

Submit

- 4.) For Wordle to work you will need a source of text that you can paste. This might be a speech or any text that you want to highlight for your students. The text in the Wordle I am using will be the text from this tutorial.
 - a. To copy text you will need to click and drag your mouse over the text you want to create the word cloud for. You will then right click and select “Copy.”
 - b. Return to Wordle.net and right click in the “Paste in a bunch of text” area and select paste.
 - i. Tricks: If you put a “-” between words it will recognize them as words that need to go together.
 - ii. You can type text in paragraph form or list.
- 5.) Once you have pasted the text you will have some options for editing your clouds shape, color, font, and text direction.
- 6.) When you press go, you will see your text in a word cloud form.

11.) If you don't save to a public gallery and you want to save it to your computer, here is how you can do that.

- a. When you are finished editing, click on the button “Open in Window.”
 - i. Minimize all your other windows and center your Wordle on your screen.
- b. you need to PRESS AND HOLD the “Ctrl” button and then press the “Prnt Scrn” button
- c. Then go to your start menu, go to All Programs, go to Accessories, and then select Paint.
- d. When Paint opens you need to go to “Edit” and select Paste.
- e. Your screen image with the Wordle will show up in Paint.



12.) To get rid of the extra screen you will need to use the cut feature in paint



- You will then drag and click your mouse around your Wordle. Right click and select “Copy,” Then go to “File” in Paint, select “New,” and then go to “Edit” and select “Paste.”
- Then save your Wordle as an image (jpg, bmp, png, etc) and you are finished.